

**WETHERSFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011  
TOWN HALL, MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
7 PM**

- I. INTRODUCTION – Members Present: Carol Keenan, Joan Haines, Howard Geltman, Terry Hulbert, Barbara Blejewski, Frank Meunier Jr., Christine Taylor, Natalie Morrison, Kathleen Sullivan

- II. PUBLIC COMMENT – Lee Sekas, Terry Geltman

There are pedestrian walk signs with reflective poles on the Town Line Road crosswalk. The sidewalk was repaired and the crosswalk has been repainted. An individual was struck by a vehicle recently.

- III. MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2011

Frank moved that the minutes be accepted. Howard 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

- IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. GROUP HOME VISITS

Four group homes in town are participating in the Special Olympics Bowling program equaling approximately 12 athletes.

Frank commented that the First Church picnic held in June went well. There are a few new residents. Renovations are starting and hope to be completed by November. IMAGINEERS will donate \$500 in lieu of the tag sale usually conducted at First Church.

B. SENIORS

The Senior Advisory Committee was held last week. Topics for the April/May education program were discussed but not definitive.

CRT Energy Blitz will be conducted soon. Anyone interested should go to Social & Youth Services. It is on a first come, first serve basis. The federal government has cut significantly.

Flu shots will be given October 4 from 9am - 12pm and October 18 from 3pm - 6 pm at the William J. Pitkin Community Center.

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> is the Medicare deadline for next year. You may apply for either CONNPace or Medicare.

C. PARKS AND RECREATION

The July picnic was held at the William J. Pitkin Community Center. New campers registered for Therapeutic Recreation Summer Camps. The William J. Pitkin

Community Center was opened as a shelter due to the hurricane. Both the Recreation Dept. and the Social & Youth Services Dept. staffed the shelter.

Special Olympics golf program ended with sending 4 teams to the Fall Sports Festival on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Sleeping Giant Golf Course in Hamden. The athletes placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Special Olympics Bowling and Unified Basketball began on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, respectively, with numerous athletes and volunteers ready to go.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Roaring Thunder Motorcycle ride left Gengras Harley-Davidson, took a scenic CT River ride and ended at Lucky Lou's for lunch, raffles and entertainment. Over 75 businesses contributed to the raffle. Over \$3500, in proceeds, will benefit Special Olympics – Wethersfield programs. The Butter Braid and Cookie Dough fundraiser has kicked off and ends October 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### D. TRANSPORTATION

It was discussed that there should be more advertisement about the March Transportation meeting. Donna Mattison will be contacted to add to the Senior Newsletter. There was discussion at the March meeting on holding special transportation for town-wide events such as the Corn Fest, Craft Fair, Santa Breakfast and Unico Dinner.

Some members mentioned that the ADA ParaTransit have been calling the night before to confirm pickup and drop off. This is a nice feature to the system.

The transportation meeting details are being discussed. Once there is a location, individuals will be notified. Members would like to have ADA and Dial-A-Ride representatives present at the March meeting.

Ann Evans (ITN-Central) is looking for assistance. Barbara is willing to assist with some of the needs of their program.

Lee Sekas had suggested Public Transit 101. It was sponsored by the Kennedy Center, Inc. At the meeting, ADA, CT Transit and rate increases were discussed. Users of ADA transit pay 10% of the actual expense.

September 27 – Transportation Meeting will be held at the Legislative Office Bldg. at 3pm in room 2C.

#### E. UPDATE ON RESOURCE BOOKLET

Update will be given in October.

#### F. UPDATE ON LIBRARY ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT

Update will be given in October.

#### G. UPDATE ON PEDESTRAIN LIGHT AT TOWN LINE ROAD

Discussed during public comment, the crosswalk has been updated with signs, reflective poles and repainted walks.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### A. SIDEWALK ADA PANELS

The committee discussed areas that should be focused on for additional sidewalk ADA panels in town. Some of these areas include Housing areas, with businesses in walking distance, such as Prospect/Wolcott Hill area, Jordan Lane/Ridge Road, Lasher Court, Lancaster Housing, Community Center, Mitchell Housing, First Church Village and Nathan Hale.

Jetts team honored by HARC. They thanked the committee for making the connection and for the learning experience. Local residents have benefitted from their projects. It was suggested that the group should be invited for our next meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Frank Meunier Jr. moved that the meeting be adjourned. Howard Geltman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.